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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.